

HOUSE RESOLUTION 269

By Hood

A RESOLUTION to commend Ken Shipp for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this General Assembly to recognize and commend those individuals who selflessly give of themselves to benefit those charitable organizations within their communities and the people of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, such individuals are former National Football League gridiron greats, Coach Ken Shipp, Jim "Pork Chop" Mitchell, Dennis Harrison, and Robert James, who all will be honored at a sports banquet on March 6, 2004; and

WHEREAS, a former head coach of the New York Jets, Ken Shipp spent 33 years in the National Football League, most of which was spent as an offensive coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Coach Shipp worked with numerous legendary NFL players and Hall of Famers, including such greats as Joe Namath, Archie Manning, Jim Hart, and Earl Campbell; and

WHEREAS, the New Orleans Saints, the Houston Oilers, the St. Louis Cardinals, and the New York Jets employed the skill and strategies of Coach Ken Shipp during his NFL career; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from full-time coaching in 1978, Ken Shipp returned to his hometown of Murfreesboro, where he owns and operates Secure Storage and Ryder Rental; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Coach Shipp freely gives of his time to support the youth of Rutherford County by serving as a volunteer for the Boys and Girls Club of Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Ken Shipp has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and fellow citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Ken Shipp of Murfreesboro on his exemplary career in the National Football League and thank him for his outstanding service to his community.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.*